



EDWARD H. WRIGHT

The self-confessed and law-defying stud-poker player who as Assistant Corporation Counsel of Chicago was arrested and fined one dollar and costs for gambling, under the name of Louis Johnson or J. Williams, by Judge John R. Caverly last Friday morning.

THE RED CAP MEN OF THE 12TH STREET STATION OF THE ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD ARE STILL ON THEIR JOBS.

By Juan Wyatt Bell
Mr. Walter Galloway, with the former comptroller of the I. C. R. R., left last Tuesday for New York, his home, to take up his duties with the vice president of the Lehigh Valley R. R.

James L. Robinson addressed the ushers on the evening watch last Monday in the immigrant room of the station. His subject, "Where Does the Light Go When It Goes Out?" was interestingly discussed, but the answer was deferred owing to lack of time for the speaker to fully explain this thoughtful subject.

Mr. M. D. Roach, with the vice president, is under the care of a physician.

Messrs. Clark and Waters entertained our chief usher, Mr. Sandy W. Trice, at breakfast last Monday morning. Silver service was his, and the chief states that he was royally entertained. Mr. Clark and Waters left Tuesday for a short visit in Omaha, Neb.

Mr. John R. Combs, with the aid of a sounding rod and a submarine, has located his recently-purchased summer home. He found it inhabited with a fine crop of lake perch.

Mr. Alex T. Henry has left for New York city to close his business affairs there. He will return to our city next summer.

Mr. W. H. Ewing, Mr. W. M. Bish, Mr. Geo. Johnson, Mr. C. H. Johnson, Misses Etta Simon, Anna Henry Mitchell and Miss Erna McGhee, 2918 State street, comprised the automobile party which recently motored to Gary, Ind. They lunched at the Panama Cafe while in the Sandy City and report an enjoyable trip.

Mr. Ezekiel Collins left for St. Louis, Mo. He intends to visit New Orleans and Birmingham, Ala., before his return.

Mrs. Sarah Ferguson recently returned from an enjoyable visit in Shelbyville, Tenn. Numerous entertainments were given in her honor during her short stay in this beautiful Southern city.

Say anything about a musicale in the presence of Mr. Chas. Collins and he will tell you quickly that "Belshazzar" which he attended last week was the peer of all heretofore produced by race folk.

Mr. Wm. Ferguson and Eugene Bowman were royally entertained by Mr. White, proprietor of the Albany hotel in Excelsior Springs, Mo. The morning and afternoon rides to all of the outlying districts of this resort in the Pierce Arrow Six of their host, Mr. White, were to these gentlemen very pleasing and interesting.

Mr. Wm. Overton, from Waterloo, Ia., is in the city for a few days.

Mr. C. P. Johnson returned recently from a short stay in St. Louis, Mo.

Mr. Jasper Henderson has just returned from an extensive southern trip. He visited New Orleans, La., Jackson and Greenville, Miss., Memphis, Tenn., and Cairo, Ill.

Mrs. Sandy W. Trice returned to her home, 6438 Eberhart avenue, last Monday evening. Mrs. Trice is feeling very much improved in health. She spent six weeks in Minneapolis and St. Paul and was delightfully entertained by her many friends.

Our Captain, Mr. G. W. True, is a heavy plunger in stocks and bonds. Some of his recent holdings have doubled while in the treasury of the company.

Miss Bethel Literary Sunday, Sept. 30, at 3:30 p. m. and you will miss a treat. Attorney Henry M. Porter will address us. His subject is: "The Rights and Duties of Citizens." Rev. W. D. Cook, D. D., pastor; Sandy W. Trice, president; Mrs. A. C. Owen, secretary.

Attorney Charles S. Gibbs of Springfield, Ill., Sounds the Praises of The Broad Ax.

The following letter speaks for itself: Springfield, Ill., Sept. 26.

Julius F. Taylor, Editor of the Broadest Ax in the whole world.

My Dear Sir—I have just read with no small degree of pleasure the comment you had on the situation at East St. Louis, and I want you to accept my commendation for the way the matter was handled by your paper. Many of our papers have spoken of it, but for some cause they did not seem to find the mark. There is one of our State officers who deserves credit for the clearing up of the East St. Louis troubles above all others and that one is the Hon. Edward J. Brundage, by grace of the people, the Attorney General of Illinois. To appreciate what Mr. Brundage is doing in the interest of law and order a person would have to get on the ground, see and feel the condition of affairs and view the handicaps thrown in the way of the wheels of justice and then the magnitude of the great administrative mind of the general in a complex situation can best be seen, and, what is more, he does not leave the affairs of his office to the assistants, but, everywhere his personal attention is given, his personal magnetism is felt, his predominating force is put into the fight and no matter whether it be a stubborn, retrograding corporation or a malfeasant officer, or an erring layman, the rule is ever the same and some day Illinois will wake up to look back upon the record of the greatest Attorney General she has ever known. Yours very truly,

CHAS. S. GIBBS.

P. S.—Send The Broad Ax to my shop and send bill for year's subscription.

Newspaper Advertising Solicitor Wanted.

A live newspaper advertising solicitor; one who knows how to hustle for business wanted. For further information, address the editor of this paper or phone, Wentworth 2597.

Great Meeting at Bethel Church Under the Auspices of the Chicago Branch of the Law and Order League. Attorney Patrick H. O'Donnell, Bishop Samuel Fallows and Lawyer Walter M. Farmer, Were the Leading Speakers

Mr. A. H. Roberts Was Chairman of the Meeting.

Last Sunday afternoon a largely attended meeting was held at Bethel church, under the auspices of the Chicago branch of the new Law and Order League. Each person on entering the church was presented with a small American flag, which they waved when "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," "The Star Spangled Banner," "Tenting on the Old Camp Ground," "John Brown's Body Lies Moulding in the Clay, While His Soul Goes Marching On."

Rev. J. T. Jenifer offered the opening prayer. Bishop Samuel Fallows, who fought in the Union Army and who was a member of Gen. Bragg's Iron Brigade of Wisconsin, who after fifty-five years recently visited the old camp ground in Wisconsin, where he had enlisted under the banner of freedom and the Union forever, was the first speaker.

Mrs. Elizabeth Lindsay Davis made a very appropriate short talk on the part that women should play in the present war, following Bishop Fallows, and before he departed for his home the choir sang "Tenting Around the Old Camp Ground" in his honor.

Attorney Patrick H. O'Donnell was the main speaker of the occasion, and introducing him Chairman A. H. Roberts declared that "he was one of the best and the truest friends that the Colored race has in any part of this country." As he arose to speak he was noisily greeted by those who had turned out to hear him, including the waving of the American flags. When he concluded speaking, "John Brown's Body Lies Moulding in the Clay, While His Soul Goes Marching On" was sung in his honor.

Lawyer Walter M. Farmer in a clear-cut manner set forth the aims and objects of the new Law and Order League, and in doing so he rightly contended that "now is the opportune time for

the Colored people to unite and stand together and manfully fight and contend at all times for all of their rights guaranteed to them under the Constitution of the United States."

Mr. O'Donnell, who is one of the most forceful and eloquent orators around and about here, gave expression to many everlasting truths, which was well for the Colored people to drink in to the full. His reference to the patriotism of the gallant Eighth Regiment and to the patriotism of the Colored people in general, and the part that the Colored soldiers have played in all the wars of the past, was a stemwinder and the two thousand people in the church were so wrought up over it that "they came near tearing its roof off while they were giving full vent to their feelings, for at that time he had held them spellbound for a long while, and their shouting and applauding was like the onrushing of a mighty ocean."

Mr. O'Donnell made one striking statement during the course of his oration, and that was that "all the good things in this life were placed on this earth for the special benefit of mankind—that if the Colored people wished to freely enjoy all of those blessings that they would have to fight for them, as the whites would not willingly permit them to come into the possession of them without a struggle on their part to prevent the Colored people from reaching out or up and grasping them." In these few words he gave expression to the plain and the unvarnished gospel truth, and for many years we have been preaching that same doctrine to the Colored people.

Rev. J. T. Jenifer, Mrs. Blanche Gillmer, former Alderman Oscar De Priest, Attorney George W. Ellis, W. E. Wallace, Sandy W. Trice, Lawyer W. E. Mollison, Dr. W. H. Davis and Julius F. Taylor, aside from the speakers, were among those to occupy seats on the platform.

CHARLES STEWART ON FOOD BOARD

Will Have Charge of Publicity Bureau in National Food Conservation Plan.

Prof. Charles Stewart, Associated Press correspondent, globe trotter and lecturer, was in town for a short stay Wednesday, dropped into the Afro-American office, and almost before one could say "Jack Robinson" was off again to Washington. Prof. Stewart was called to Washington Saturday to confer with members of the Hoover Commission as to the best way to reach the twelve millions Colored people in the United States in the educational campaign for the conservation of food-stuffs. At the conclusion of the conference, he consented to head the publicity department for the weekly newspapers throughout the United States.

Prof. Stewart is the dean of newspaper correspondents in this country, having been in the newspaper business nearly forty years. He started in Louisville with the American Baptist in 1879. Later he became connected with Henry Watterson's Courier-Journal. When he moved to Chicago in the late eighties he joined the staff of the Inter-Ocean and remained with that paper until it suspended publication. While with the Inter-Ocean, he accepted a position with the Associated Press, which position he still holds, being the only Colored employee in that great news-gathering service.

In connection with his work as a correspondent, Prof. Stewart has found time to deliver a number of lectures in all parts of the country. He also wrote for the Afro-American for a number of years under the nom de plume of "J. O. Midnight." He has, perhaps, traveled more than any other Colored man in America, having at one time or another visited every town in the south and southwest as well as every city of importance in the east and west. He has also been abroad several times.—From the Afro-American, Baltimore, Md., Sept. 23, 1917.

Dr. J. Frank Armstrong, 1924 West Lake street, returned from Marion, Ia., his old home, Wednesday morning, where he had spent three days looking after his property interests there. The doctor is a well-equipped, progressive member of the profession and has built up a very lucrative practice on the West Side.

CAMP LOGAN TO BE MODEL AND SICKNESS-PROOF

Floors for All Tents and Examinations in Plans.

Camp Logan, Houston, Tex.—(Special.)—The men of Camp Logan will not lose any time in the hospital if the war department and the health authorities of the camp can help it. Plans have been made public that will safeguard the men individually from almost any disease and safeguard them as a whole from any epidemic.

The first step will be the flooring of all the tents in the camp. The announcement that the work was to be done brought many expressions of satisfaction from the officers in command.

"It will mean that the men will live in a place that is protected from water when it rains," Gen. Henry D. Todd, division commander, said. "This will do much to prevent such diseases as rheumatism and the like."

The next step, which will go a long way toward preventing epidemics, is a general physical examination of the men by the division health authorities. Every man will be given a thorough overhauling, and if there is the least doubt about his physical fitness he will be sent back.

The postoffice authorities of the camp have again asked the Chicago newspapers to publish the correct method of addressing letters to the men at the camp. There has been much confusion due to misdirected and incorrectly directed letters. This is the correct form.

Rank (private, corporal, lieutenant, etc.), and name of company and regiment, Camp Logan, Houston, Tex. This form will insure prompt delivery.

ROMAN CATHOLICS DEMAND FAIR PLAY FOR NEGROES

Kansas City, Kas.—At the sixteenth annual convention of the American Federation of Roman Catholic Societies held recently, resolutions were adopted demanding fair play for the Negro. A demand was made for such governmental action as will secure the Negro's natural rights and constitutional guarantees.

COLORED MEN FOR NATIONAL ARMY TO MOBILIZE OCT. 3

Washington, D. C.—(Special.)—The first Colored drafted men will be sent to national army cantonments on Oct. 3. Secretary of War Baker has made this announcement.



ATTORNEY PATRICK H. O'DONNELL

Warm friend of the Colored people who stirred them up from fore to aft at the big meeting at Bethel Church last Sunday afternoon.

THE UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

The study of Negro authors promises to be very interesting. Mr. John Felton, Mrs. Irene McCoy Gaines and Mr. E. O. Marshall are now working on the outline for this part of the club work. Next regular meeting occurs on the second Sunday in October, 5300 Wabash avenue, 4 p. m.

Two new members were taken into membership of the society at the last meeting: Mrs. Strayhorn and Miss Elsie Freeman.

ELITE SOCIAL CHARITY CLUB.

Will hold installation of officers Wednesday evening, September 26, 8 to 12 o'clock. The University Society and other clubs have been invited to enjoy the evening with the new officers at 3256 Rhodes avenue.

THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.

The next regular meeting of the Pioneer Lodge will be held Friday evening, September 28, 5827 Wentworth avenue, 7:30 p. m. All interested persons are welcomed. There will be an interesting lecture from some members of the Chicago Theosophical Society.

Any persons desiring literature may apply at the club rooms or to Mrs. Irene McCoy Gaines.

PROGRESSIVE NEGRO LEAGUE.

Will present to the literary public a very interesting program on Tuesday, October 2, 8 p. m., at the Y. M. C. A. auditorium.

SOCIETY CHIPS.

Dr. U. G. Dailey continues ill at his home, under the care of Dr. Giles.

Mr. T. Arnold Hill, executive secretary of the Chicago Urban League, left Sunday en route to Boston, where on Wednesday evening, September 26, wedding bells will ring for him and Miss Sadie Henderson.

On last Tuesday evening Miss Frances Galloway, post-graduate pianist of the Chicago Musical College, of wide fame, appeared in recital at St. Mark's M. E. Church, assisted by Mrs. Irene McCoy Gaines, elocutionist, and Messrs. Bryant and Sevier, soloists.

Miss Bertha Washington, a niece of the late Dr. Booker T. Washington, is in the city planning to make this her future home.

Prof. E. C. Deas, of Jacksonville, Fla., who has been training somewhere in the United States for a military commission, is now in the city and may make Chicago his permanent home.

THE COMFORT KIT CLUB.

The Colored women of Chicago have organized a Kit and Comfort Club for the purpose, as its name implies, of furnishing comfort kits for their soldier boys. They are asking every woman in Chicago to join this club.

The only requirement is, that she donate something, if only enough of her time to induce some one to help a little, if she can sew, knit, crochet, give a tooth brush or a handkerchief, will, when united in a mighty and combined effort, produce most wonderful results. All women are requested to meet at the Appomattox Club, 3441 South Wabash avenue, Friday afternoon, Sept. 28, at 2 p. m.

President, Mrs. W. A. Buckner; Vice President, Mrs. Lawrence N. Jones; Secretary, Mrs. W. H. Marshall.

THE PURGING PROCESS HAS STARTED.

The Freeman felt like dropping down on its knees and exclaiming, "Let us pray," when it came across this news item last Monday afternoon in the Houston Chronicle:

"A complaint charging Philip Tomasino, who conducts a grocery store and beer saloon at Arnold and Matthews streets, with selling liquor on Sunday, was issued in Justice J. M. Ray's court yesterday. Tomasino was arrested by Detectives Spradley and Bryson."

The fact that Tomasino's place is in a colored neighborhood and is just one of many similarly situated, and that violate the law with impunity, is why we were stirred and worked up, believing that that arrest by the police department shows which way the wind is blowing.

The Freeman, unable to suppress its emotions, had to shout, Amen, when, in another column of that same issue of the Chronicle, it saw this quotation delivered from the bench by Criminal District Judge C. W. Robinson: "Officers of the law, charged with the keeping of the peace, can not go out and shoot down citizens, whether they be white or black, and then come into court and expect to be white-washed."

THE A. M. E. CONFERENCE AT ST. PAUL, MINN., HAS WOUND UP ITS DELIBERATIONS FOR THIS YEAR.

REV. W. D. COOK AND REV. J. C. ANDERSON HAVE BEEN RETURNED TO THEIR RESPECTIVE CHARGES AT BETHEL CHURCH AND QUINN CHAPEL.

Monday evening the annual A. M. E. Conference for this district, Bishop L. J. Coppin, presiding, wound up its affairs at St. Paul, Minn., and to the great joy and delight of the admirers and friends of Rev. W. D. Cook and Rev. J. C. Anderson, they were returned to their respective charges by their good Bishop Coppin, at Bethel church and Quinn chapel.

Rev. F. G. Snelson will continue to hold forth at St. Mary's church, 5253 South Dearborn street; Rev. B. W. Taylor was returned to St. Stephen's, on the West Side; Rev. Griffin was sent back to the Hyde Park church; Rev. Archibald James Carey will continue for another year to be the political pastor of the Institutional church.

Many other minor appointments were made. The conference was largely attended and its sessions were very interesting.

ITEMS FROM CLARKSDALE, MISS.

The A. M. E. Church here, without much trouble, last Sunday raised \$50, which was very pleasing to its pastor, Rev. P. H. Polk.

The district conference of the Slaves Chapel M. E. Church here has been in session the past week. The sessions have been presided over by Bishop Thirkilled of New Orleans, La.

Many of our young lady school teachers are departing for different parts of this state where they will instruct the children in the various schools for the coming school term.

Here's a New Wage Term. "A modest minimum wage" is the latest contribution to social science, now being used in arbitration courts in the commonwealth of South Australia.